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### Anhang 3

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Dear Gerda,

You may still be in Germany, but I thought I would send off this letter to welcome you home and hope all the terribly hot weather has dissipated in the east. I called friends in Pennsylvania yesterday. They had just returned from about three months at the University in Kiel where summer did not exist. When they left Brussels to return, they were clothed in sweaters and raincoats, but found 102° F. weather in N.Y.C. I hope this did not happen to you.

We are having the opposite problem which of course makes tourists sad. Our weather has been lovely if one did not want to sit on the beach. We have overcast mornings and sunny breezy afternoons. It is only hot inside a parked car.

Another week is coming to a close. They all seem to fly by these days. I am trying to get lots of little things done that never seem of high priority the rest of the year....going through old files and trying to throw out what is no longer needed has filled our local trash bins...at least for a time. Ruth comes from England in a few weeks, and I am trying also to get things prepared for her visit. She is still working on her thesis for her PHD and will probably bring much work along. She wants to buy some books here at the university library-bookstore.

The younger generation in the family are both in Provence. I received an enthusiastic letter from Edw. this morning. They rented an old stone house in the wild country. It sounds like the scenery in the Fr. film My Father's Glory which I saw last week. Of course some of that was a little difficult for me to take since they made such a big thing of killing and eating little birds. Well, that was another time of course. Edward says that everyone is very friendly and no one locks doors. Everything they do is an adventure. They are miles from the nearest stores. Edw. is there because he and some of his friends rented the place. He is unwinding after exams and reading lots of interesting things. He calls it a different world. In September he and a friend who studies art history at the Courtauld in London hope to get to Italy. Edward managed to do things backwards. He saw Asia before Europe! If he can make it, he would certainly hope to get to some of the Italian cities. If you happen to be in Rome at the same time, it would

be lovely if you could have lunch or dinner together and get acquainted. I am sure you would enjoy him as I did last April when he was visiting me here. He has asked me to ask you if you have any suggestions about what he should see or who. His major at the University of London is history and he hopes also to take at least one course at the Courtauld though his major is in Eastern European and Slavic Studies. You would be amused to learn that I have discovered the itinerary of a visit to Rome we took in the 70s. You made it out before we left. I send you a copy and ask if many things have changed (bus # etc.). I thought I would then send a copy to Edward and tell him we followed it earlier though I don't think we found all your expresso stops. After Rome we drove down to San Felice Circeo at your suggestion. That was a lovely restful time after Rome.

I am wondering about the family letters. Please don't return them to me, but redirect them to the Leo Baeck Institute in NYC. I already told them of their future arrival, and that they should be kept away from public domain for 50 years. I shall send the rest there that I still have from Pappi's mother and also a few others that are left. Did I ever tell you that I did ask the Japanese professor in charge of the publication of the Albert Mosse family letters what has happened to them? He said that they had been at the German publishers for a very long time. Perhaps I wrote this and the resulting comment from Pief---that when one calls the plumber and he does not come, you call him again. I guess we do not have the patience of the orientals. I never knew what publishing company in Germany was doing all this. Of course it is to be published in the German language which will be very frustrating.

Hans has a second cousin in England who is a retired history professor. Through him I have heard from a woman researcher in Munich who is considering a "rehabilitation" of the Mosse family. What does this really mean? I assume she will write some family history. I think she is especially interested in the female lines in the family of 14 children. Also she wanted to know what I knew about Wolfgang, the mystery brother who came to this country, participated in the Civil War (Union Army) and later returned to G6rlitz and died there earlier than any of the other children. In the military records he was given a discharge because of reoccurring attacks of epilepsy. This might explain why he died at a younger age than the rest and lived at a distance from all the Berlin relatives.

Also I wondered if there are many references in Pappi's letters to the Meyer family. Two Meyer sisters married two Mosse brothers and of course this resulted in many family contacts. I'll send something U. Walter wrote out for us once. *Welcome home, Love, Nancy*

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